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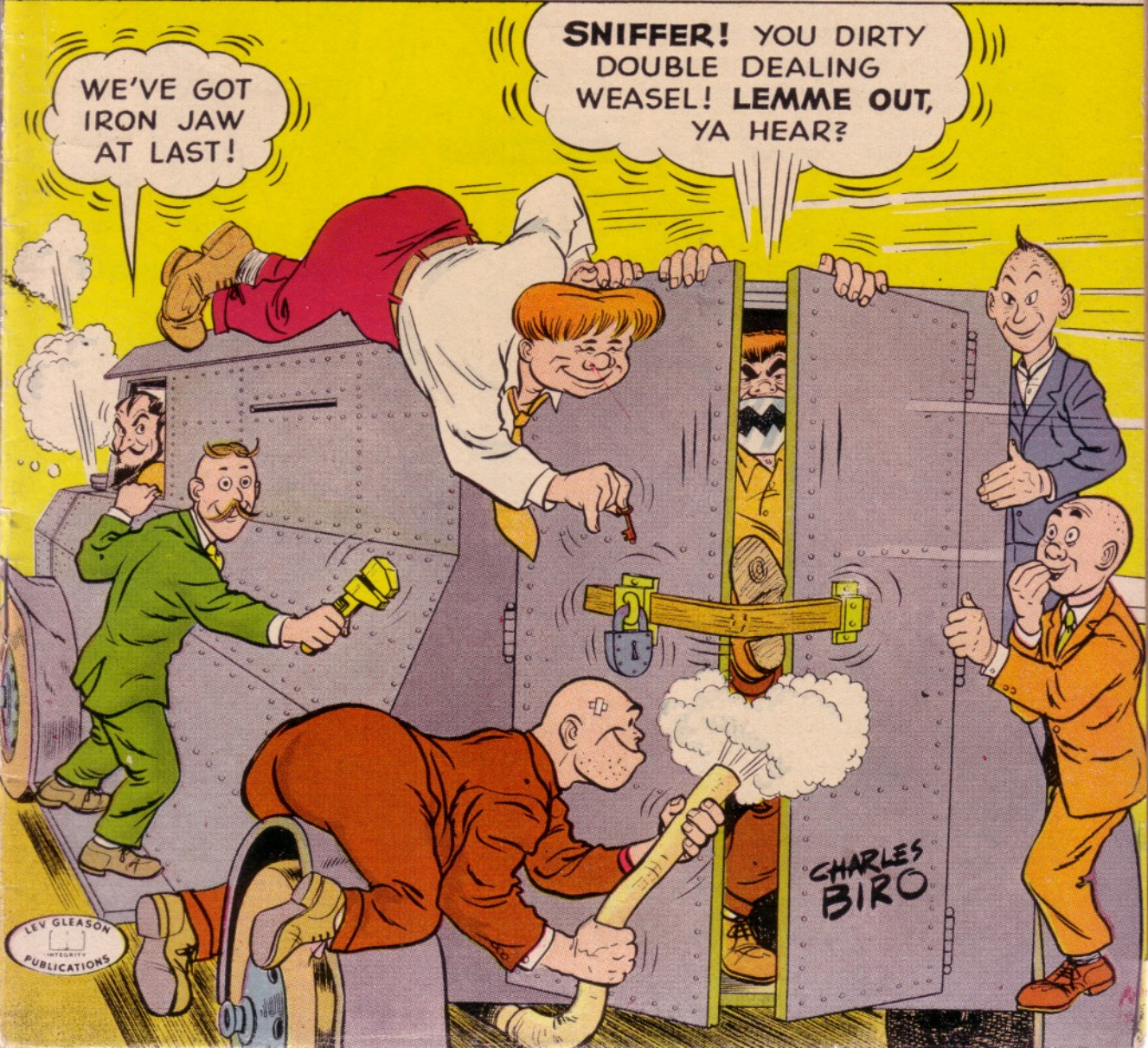
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WE'VE GOT IRON JAW AT LAST!

SNIFFER! YOU DIRTY DOUBLE DEALING WEASEL! LEMME OUT, YA HEAR?



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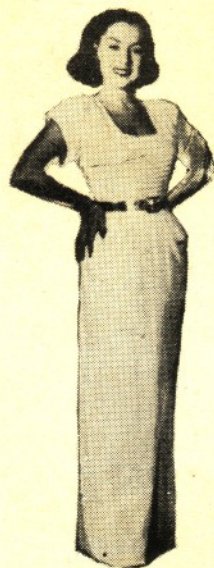
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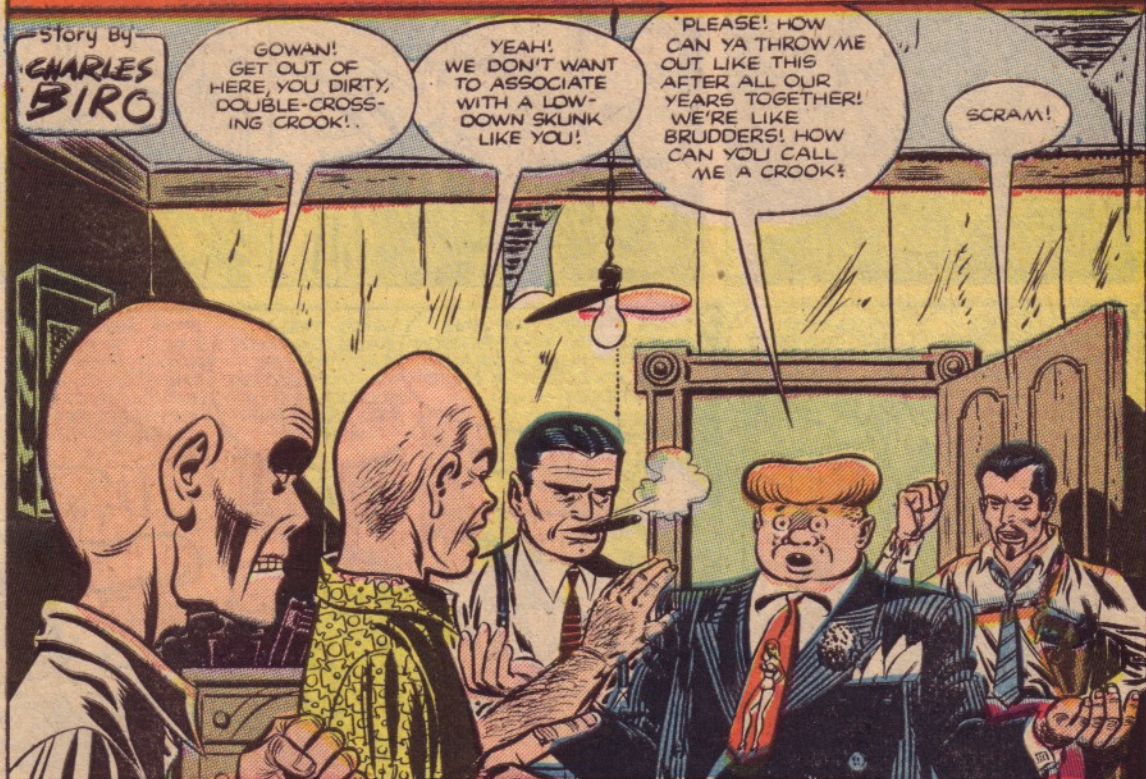
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# The DEADLY DOZEN

IN "THE BIG RAT RACE"

Story By  
**CHARLES BIRG**



GOWAN!  
GET OUT OF  
HERE, YOU DIRTY,  
DOUBLE-CROSS-  
ING CROOK!..

YEAH!  
WE DON'T WANT  
TO ASSOCIATE  
WITH A LOW-  
DOWN SKUNK  
LIKE YOU!

"PLEASE! HOW  
CAN YA THROW ME  
OUT LIKE THIS  
AFTER ALL OUR  
YEARS TOGETHER!  
WE'RE LIKE  
BRUDDERS! HOW  
CAN YOU CALL  
ME A CROOK!"

SCRAM!

PICTURE A HUNDRED TIN CANS TIED TO AS MANY CATS' TAILS IN A POTS AND PANS FACTORY! THAT IS ONE WAY TO DESCRIBE THE CLAMOR THAT IRON JAW KICKS UP WHEN SNIFFER AND THE DEADLY DOZEN DO IT AGAIN! SNIFFER'S GOT IRON JAW'S NUMBER, AND HIS GOAT, TOO! HE'S ONE HORSE SNIFFER SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO LEAD TO WATER AND THEN MAKE HIM DRINK...AT LEAST;

FOR A SHORT WHILE! BUT, EVEN A HORSE KNOWS WHEN SOMEONE'S TRYING TO MAKE A DONKEY OUT OF HIM, AND IRON JAW IS A LOT MORE DANGEROUS THAN A HORSE! IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, SEE HOW CLOSE TO THAT FIRE BREATHER, IRON JAW, SNIFFER AND THE DEADLY DOZEN DARE TO GO...

*Charles Birg*



THERE HE IS! THAT MISERABLE, FLAT-HEADED CLOD! AND HE DOESN'T SEE ME! WAIT UNTIL I GET MY HANDS ON HIM!



WELL, SNIFFER, THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE! THIS TIME I'LL REALLY FINISH YOU OFF!



PLEASE...

STOP! YOU HULKING COWARD! HOW DARE YOU STRIKE MY HUSBAND!



HUSBAND!  
YOU MEAN  
THAT SNIFFER  
IS  
MARRIED?

I DON'T KNOW  
ANYTHING ABOUT  
ANY SNIFFER, BUT  
HORACE GRIFFIN  
AND I HAVE BEEN  
MARRIED FIFTEEN  
YEARS!...



...AND A KINDER, GENTLER  
MAN THERE NEVER WAS!  
THAT'S WHY I WON'T HAVE  
THE LIKES OF YOU BULLY-  
ING HIM! IRON JAW, OR NO  
IRON JAW, I'LL HAVE THE  
POLICE ON YOU! POLICE!  
HELP!

WAIT!  
STOP!  
CALM  
DOWN!



HERE, LET ME HELP  
YOU! IT WAS ALL A  
MISTAKE! MY, BUT IT'S  
HARD TO BELIEVE! YOU  
COULD BE TWINS! HOW  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
MAKE \$500, FRIEND,  
JUST FOR AN EVEN-  
ING'S WORK?

\$500!



ALL YOU HAVE  
TO DO IS WHAT I  
TELL YOU! LET HIM  
COME ALONG WITH  
ME, MADAM, AND  
I'LL SEE THAT HE  
IS WELL PAID!

WE COULD  
USE THE \$500,  
MAUDE!

WELL...



SEE, THERE'S THE MAN  
I WANT YOU TO IMPERSON-  
ATE! IT'S JUST A PRACTI-  
CAL JOKE! HE'S A GOOD  
FRIEND OF MINE!

WHO'S THE  
BABE, SNIFFER?  
EASY TO SEE  
YA AIN'T GETTIN'  
ALL DOLLED UP  
FER ANY STAG  
AFFAIR!

IF YA MUST KNOW,  
I GOT A DATE  
WITH CLARABELLE!  
SHE'S DA CLASSY-  
LOOKING WOMAN  
WRESTLER! SEE YA  
LATER, BOYS!



THAT'S THE SUIT WE WANT!  
FIT IT RIGHT ON HIM SO HE CAN  
WEAR IT OUT! AND HAVE HIM  
CHANGE AND PUT ON HIS TIE!

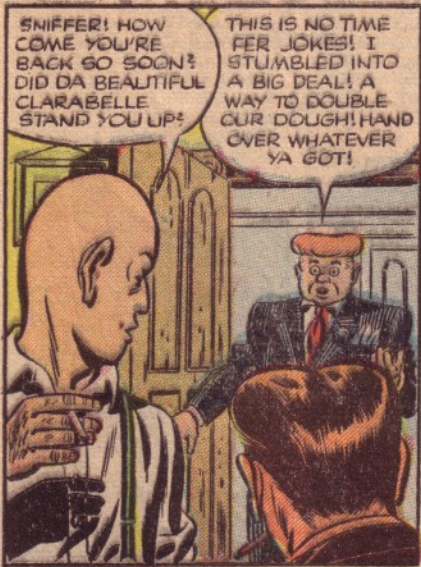


MAUDE LIKES  
MY HAIR LONG!  
SHE WON'T  
LIKE IT  
CUT!

THAT'S TOO BAD!  
FOR \$500 SHE'LL  
LIKE IT! NOW AFTER  
YOU GET OUT OF  
HERE, THIS IS WHAT  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
DO...



THERE'S THE PLACE...  
TOP FLOOR, REAR! I'LL  
BE WAITING AROUND THE  
CORNER! DO EXACTLY WHAT  
I TOLD YOU AND DON'T  
TRY AND SNEAK OFF, OR  
I'LL SQUASH YOU LIKE  
A BUG! AND REMEMBER  
TO TALK TOUGH!



SNIFFER! HOW COME YOU'RE BACK SO SOON? DID DA BEAUTIFUL CLARABELLE STAND YOU UP?

THIS IS NO TIME FER JOKES! I STUMBLED INTO A BIG DEAL! A WAY TO DOUBLE OUR DOUGH! HAND OVER WHATEVER YA GOT!



NINE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AN' NINETY-NINE DOLLARS... I HOPE YA CAN REALLY DOUBLE IT! DAT WOULD MAKE... UH... I SEE... OH, NEVER MIND...



HEY, WHAT IS THIS BIG DEAL?

I CAN'T TELL YOU NOW! I'LL GIVE YA THE LOWDOWN WHEN I GET BACK!



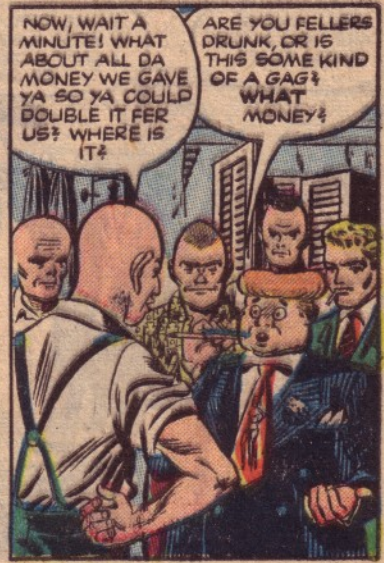
I DID JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME!

GOOD! HERE'S THE FIVE HUNDRED I PROMISED YOU! NOW GO AND DON'T COME AROUND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AGAIN, OR I'LL KILL YOU! GO BEFORE I TAKE BACK THE \$500!



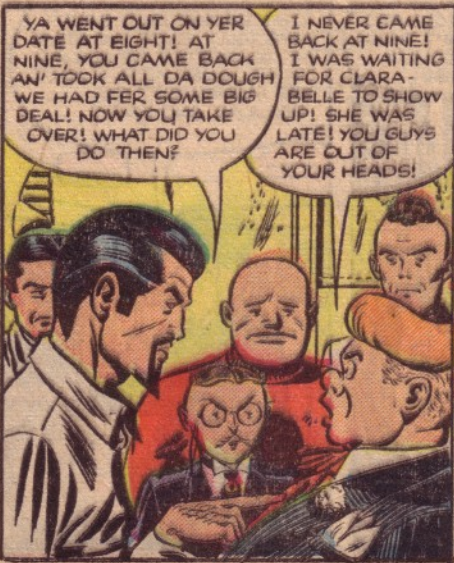
HOW DID DA DEAL COME OUT, SNIFFER?

DEAL? WHAT DEAL? I JUST HAD A DATE WITH CLARABELLE!



NOW, WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT ABOUT ALL DA MONEY WE GAVE YA SO YA COULD DOUBLE IT FER US? WHERE IS IT?

ARE YOU FELLERS DRUNK, OR IS THIS SOME KIND OF A GAG? WHAT MONEY?



YA WENT OUT ON YER DATE AT EIGHT! AT NINE, YOU CAME BACK AN' TOOK ALL DA DOUGH WE HAD FER SOME BIG DEAL! NOW YOU TAKE OVER! WHAT DID YOU DO THEN?

I NEVER CAME BACK AT NINE! I WAS WAITING FOR CLARABELLE TO SHOW UP! SHE WAS LATE! YOU GUYS ARE OUT OF YOUR HEADS!



YAH TRYIN' TO MAKE LIARS OUT OF US? I NEVER THOUGHT DA DAY WOULD COME DAT YOU'D DOUBLE-CROSS US, BUT I WUZ WRONG!

ANY FOOL COULD PLAINLY SEE IT WAS YOU DAT TOOK OUR DOUGH!



WE'RE THROUGH WITH YA, SNIFFER! WE DON'T WANNA SEE YA AGAIN!

TO THINK YOU COULD DOUBT ME! DIS IS DA END!

YEAH! GET OUTTA HERE!

AFTER DA WAY SNIFFER ACTED, I'LL NEVER TRUST NOBODY! HEY... LOOKS LIKE WE GOT UNPLEASANT COMPANY!

WAIT! THIS IS A FRIENDLY CALL! I HEARD THE NEWS OF HOW SNIFFER DOUBLE-CROSSED YOU, AND I CAME TO MAKE A SUGGESTION!

HOW ABOUT LETTING ME TAKE OVER? WITH THE GREAT IRON JAW IN COMMAND, I CAN REALLY PUT THE DEADLY DOZEN ON THE MAP!

NO THANKS! YOU PLAY TOO ROUGH! SNIFFER'S STYLE SUITED US BETTER... THAT IS, UNTIL HE GYPPED US!

GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PROVE I CAN THINK UP A GOOD, SAFE RACKET! IF IT WORKS, I TAKE SNIFFER'S PLACE! YOU NEED MONEY AND I CAN HELP YOU MAKE IT!

WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO LOSE? OKAY, WHAT DO WE DO?



HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH THAT?

WE'RE REPLACING IT WITH A NEW MODEL! DON'T WORRY, WE'LL BE BACK!

OUR NEW SUPER MODEL WILL GIVE CHANGE OF A DOLLAR!

WE'LL HAVE TO UNLOAD BEFORE WE PICK UP ANY MORE!

REPLACING IT WITH A NEWER MODEL! BUT THAT'S ONLY BEEN HERE A WEEK!

THAT WAS PERFECTLY OKAY!

BUT DA NEW MODEL WILL PLAY A TUNE WHEN YA PUT MONEY IN IT!



LOOK AT THEM ALL! I BETCHA WE CLEANED OUT DA WHOLE TOWN! IT WAS LIKE TAKIN' CANDY FROM A BABY! NOW WHAT DO WE DO? BUST 'EM OPEN FER DA MONEY AN' CIGARETTES?

NO! I HAVE A SKELETON KEY TO OPEN THE CHANGE BOX! WE TAKE THE MACHINES TO ANOTHER CITY AND SET THEM UP! WE'RE IN THE BUSINESS! JUST COLLECT THE MONEY!

VERY CLEVER! I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD BE!

THIS RACKET ISN'T BAD - ESPECIALLY SINCE WE STEAL DA CIGARETTES WE RELOAD DA MACHINES WITH! IT AIN'T BIG MONEY, BUT IT'S REGULAR AND EASY!





JUST TWO MONTHS AGO, ME PALS TURNED ON ME AND ACCUSED ME OF BEIN' A DOUBLE-CROSSER! LIFE AIN'T BEEN WORTH LIVIN' EVER SINCE!



SNIFFER! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YA! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YA? YOU LOOK TERRIBLE... YOU NEED A HAIRCUT... AND A FRESH SHIRT!

I HAVEN'T THE PRICE OF A HAIRCUT! I HAVEN'T A DIME!



COME UP AND SEE DA BOYS! WE BEEN MAKING OUT PRETTY GOOD, SO DA BOYS DON'T FEEL SO SORE ANY MORE! THEY'LL BE GLAD TO SEE YA! IT AIN'T THE SAME WITH IRON JAW IN CHARGE! WE'RE MAKIN' MONEY, BUT WE HATE HIM! HE'S OUT TO-NIGHT BY THE WAY!

GEEZE...



GO ON AHEAD! I'LL BE RIGHT ALONG SOON AS I GET THE PAPERS!

SURE, SATAN!



IT'S HORACE! I WARNED HIM NOT TO SHOW UP! IF HE THINKS HE CAN SHAKE ME DOWN FOR MORE MONEY...



HORACE GRIFFIN! I WARNED YOU NOT TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN! I PAID YOU YOUR \$500 FOR PLAYING SNIFFER, BUT IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET ANY BLACKMAIL...



BUT... NO BUTS ABOUT IT! YOU CAN RUIN EVERYTHING FOR ME IF THE DEADLY DOZEN SEES YOU! DO I SMASH IN YOUR SKULL, OR DO YOU VANISH?

I VANISH!



PSST! HEAD OVER HERE, SNIFFER! IN THE ALLEY!



YOU WERE FRAMED! I HEARD WHAT IRON JAW SAID TO YOU! WAIT TILL I TELL THE BOYS HE HIRED SOMEONE TO MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE A CROOK! WE'LL MOP THE FLOOR WITH HIM!



NO...WAIT! I WANT MY OWN POISONAL REVENGE! LEAVE ME FIGURE A WAY TO GIT EVEN! YA CAN TIP OFF DA BOYS, BUT TELL 'EM NOT TO WISE UP IRON JAW!

OKAY - AND SNIFFER, HERE - TAKE THIS C NOTE AS A LITTLE PRESENT!

AN' SNIFFER REALLY WAS ON THE LEVEL! OLD IRON PUSS HIRED SOME CHARACTER TO IMPERSONATE SNIFFER! HE GOT OUR MONEY AN' FIXED SNIFFER AS WELL! ONLY DON'T WORRY! SNIFFER'S GOIN' TO GET EVEN!

DA DIRTY RAT! WE SHOULD'VE FIGURED IRON JAW HAD A HAND IN IT!

HEY! WHAT'S THE PRICE OF DIS CHARIOT? AN' DOES IT RUN?

TEN BUCKS WORTH OF WORK AND I CAN FIX IT FOR A WHILE! I CAN GIVE YOU A REAL BARGAIN ON IT... \$40.00!

NOW, I'LL GET IN TOUCH WIT SATAN AN' GET DA BALL ROLLIN'!

HOW'D YA LIKE TO STICK UP AN ARMORED TRUCK LOADED WITH GOLD BARS, IRON JAW? I'VE GOT IT ALL CASED! DA DRIVER ALWAYS STOPS AT DA BLUE BOID LUNCHEONETTE FER LUNCH AT NOON AND LEAVES DA TRUCK UN-GUARDED!

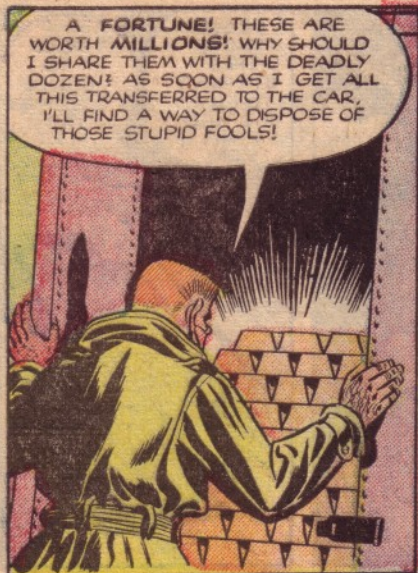
BUT IT WOULD ATTRACT ATTENTION, IF WE WERE TRYING TO BREAK THE LOCK...

I'VE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING! I CAN'T TELL YA HOW I DID IT, BUT I GOTTA DUPLICATE KEY!

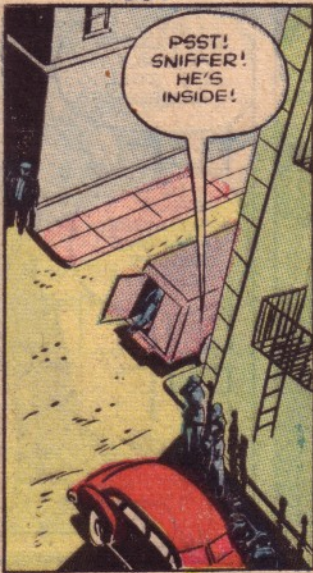
GOOD! WE WILL DO IT TOMORROW! WE CAN PULL OUR CAR ALONG-SIDE AND LOAD THE GOLD IN IT!

DAT'S IT! AND HERE'S DA KEY! I GUESS MAYBE YOU'D BETTER BE DA ONE TO GET IN AN' PASS OUT DA GOLD BLOCKS, IRON JAW! YOU'RE DA STRONG-EST!

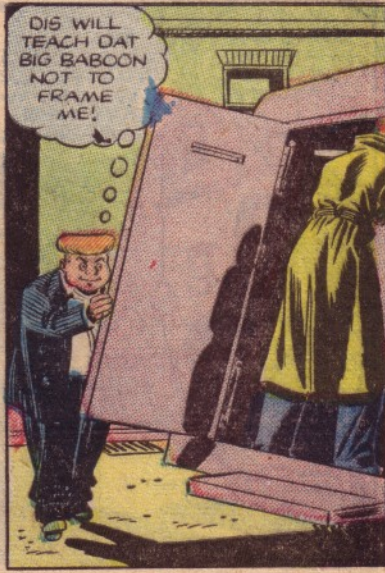
THE SUCKER IS WALKING RIGHT INTO THE TRAP!



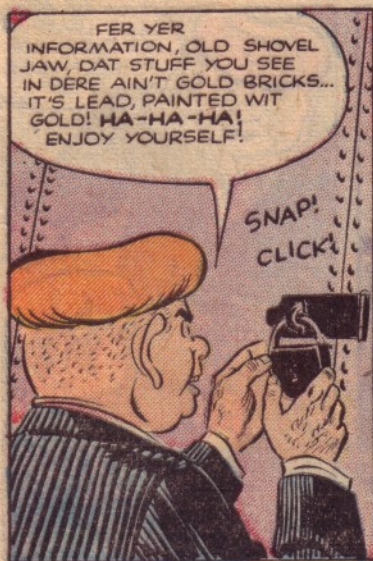
A FORTUNE! THESE ARE WORTH MILLIONS! WHY SHOULD I SHARE THEM WITH THE DEADLY DOZEN! AS SOON AS I GET ALL THIS TRANSFERRED TO THE CAR, I'LL FIND A WAY TO DISPOSE OF THOSE STUPID FOOLS!



PSST! SNIFFER! HE'S INSIDE!



DIS WILL TEACH DAT BIG BABOON NOT TO FRAME ME!



FER YER INFORMATION, OLD SHOVEL JAW, DAT STUFF YOU SEE IN DERE AIN'T GOLD BRICKS... IT'S LEAD, PAINTED WIT GOLD! HA-HA-HA! ENJOY YOURSELF!

SNAP! CLICK!

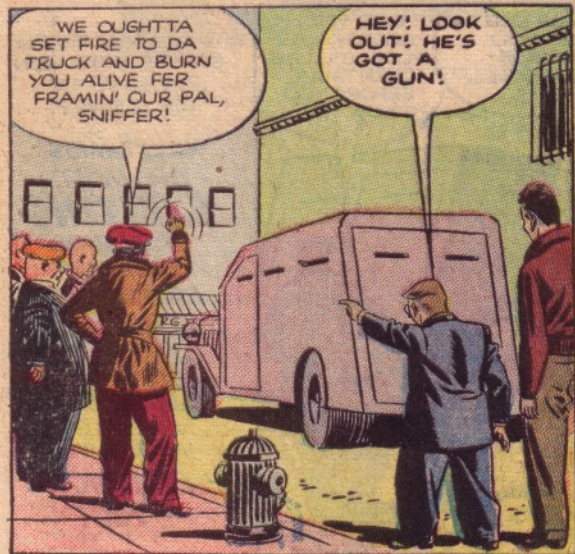


TRICKED! TRICKED BY THAT FLAT-HEADED MORON, SNIFFER! I'D KNOW HIS VOICE ANYWHERE!



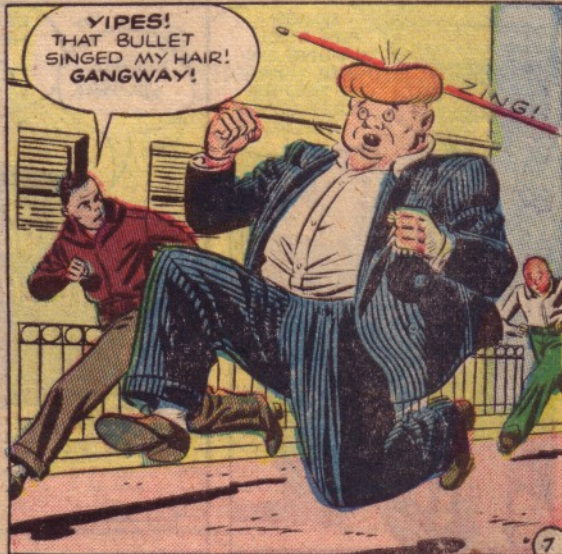
LET ME OUT OF HERE, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING COL-LECTION OF FREAKS!

LISSEN TO WHO'S TALKIN'! HA...HA!



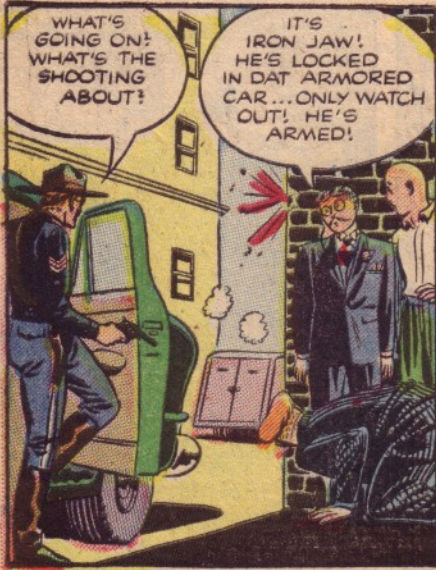
WE OUGHTTA SET FIRE TO DA TRUCK AND BURN YOU ALIVE FER FRAMIN' OUR PAL, SNIFFER!

HEY! LOOK OUT! HE'S GOT A GUN!



YIPES! THAT BULLET SINGED MY HAIR! GANGWAY!

ZING!



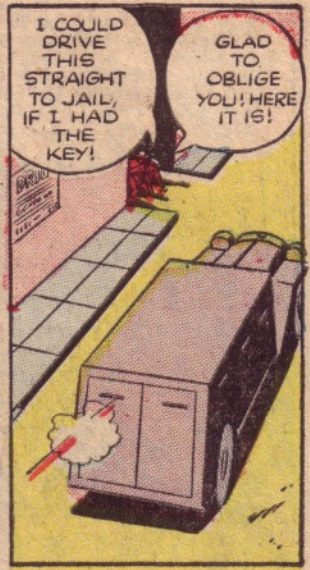
WHAT'S GOING ON! WHAT'S THE SHOOTING ABOUT!

IT'S IRON JAW! HE'S LOCKED IN DAT ARMORED CAR... ONLY WATCH OUT! HE'S ARMED!



WE CAN'T CLOSE IN WHILE HE'S STILL ARMED!

HE CAN'T HAVE MORE THAN ONE BULLET LEFT!



I COULD DRIVE THIS STRAIGHT TO JAIL, IF I HAD THE KEY!

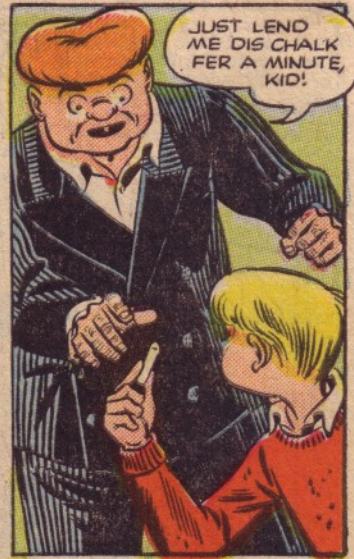
GLAD TO OBLIGE YOU! HERE IT IS!



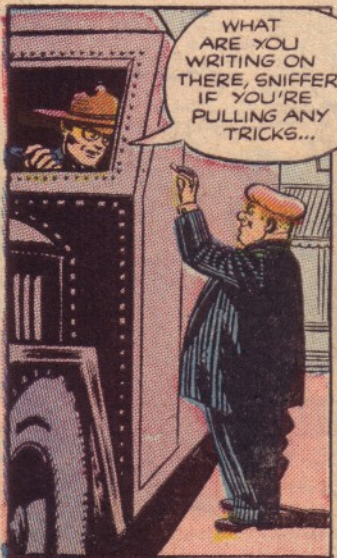
YAH! YA COULDN'T HIT DA SIDE OF A BARN! HERE'S DA KEYS... ONE FER DA CAR AND DA OTHER TO UNLOCK THE PADLOCK! BON VOYAGE, IRON JAW!



HEY! WAIT A SECOND! DERE'S SOMETHIN' I FERGOT!



JUST LEND ME DIS CHALK FER FER A MINUTE, KID!



WHAT ARE YOU WRITING ON THERE, SNIFFER? IF YOU'RE PULLING ANY TRICKS...



HA-HA-HA-HA!

LEMME OUTTA HERE, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING...

SAVE YER BREATH, IRON-PUSS! IT'LL BE CHRISTMAS BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

WHAT UNBELIEVABLE SCHEME DOES IRON JAW HAVE UP HIS SLEEVE?

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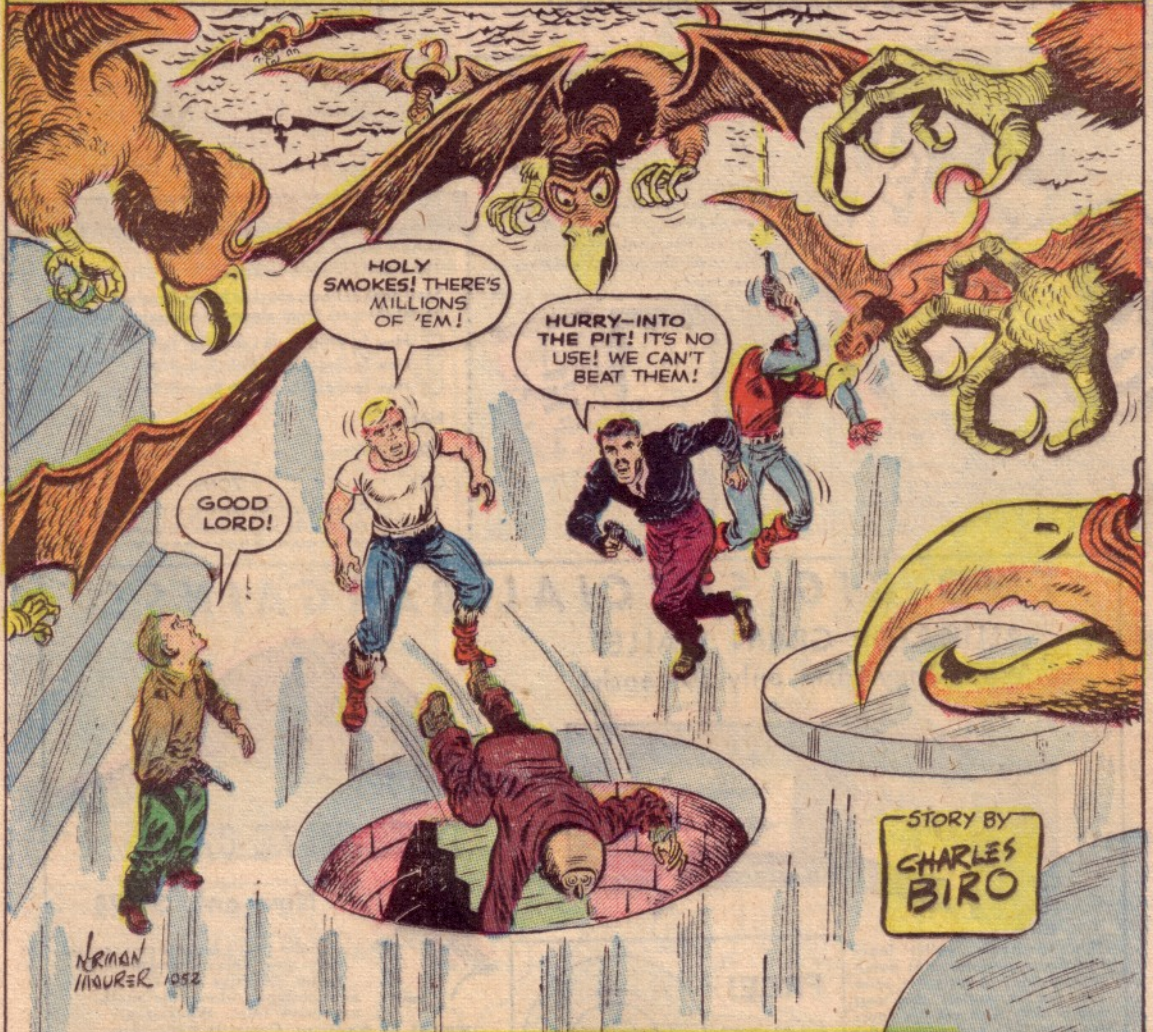
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OF THE ROCKETEERS  
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ARRUUULLL

KEEP SHOOTING FOR HIS EYE, SIMPY! HE'S BACKING UP! I THINK HE'S HAD ENOUGH!



BOY! I'LL BET HE WONDERED WHAT HIT HIM THAT TIME!

COME ON, SIMPY! ARNOLD'S UNCONSCIOUS!



JEEPERS! THE BULLET HOLES CLOSE UP RIGHT AWAY—JUST LIKE A SELF-SEALING GAS TANK!

WE'LL NEVER KILL IT THIS WAY! I'LL GET AN AXE FROM THE ROCKET!



¡UMF! THIS SHOULD DO IT! ¡UMF!



ROCKY! THAT THING'S GOT YOU!

HERE, GRAB THE AXE, SIMPY, AND KEEP CHOPPING AT THE ROOTS! IT CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER!



EEAA... IT'S SQUEEZING THE BREATH OUTTA ME! KEEP CHOPPIN'...

IT'S GETTIN' WEAKER! ¡PUFF! IT'S TRYIN' TO GRAB ME, BUT ¡PUFF! I THINK IT'S DONE FOR!



YOU DID IT, SIMPY! YOU DID IT!

THACK



M..MY LEGS.. ARE LIKE SCALDING WATER! I..CAN'T STAND IT! IT'S HORRIBLE! YAAAA...

I'LL BIND YOUR LEGS WITH MY SHIRT, ARNOLD!

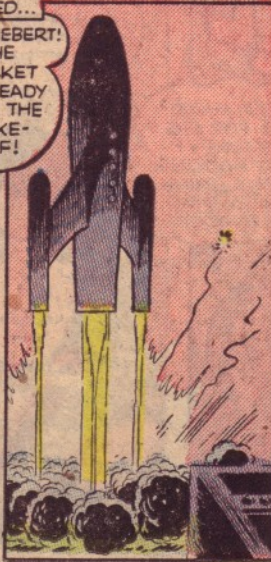
I SURE HOPE THE PLUTONIANS GOT WORD TO DR. LIEBERT! WE CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS PLACE!

BACK ON EARTH...RESCUE IS BEING PLANNED...

THIS TINY STAR IS KANTRAX!... IF OUR NEW HYDROGEN FUEL IS FIRING PROPERLY, WE'LL BE THERE IN A FEW HOURS!

WE'VE GOT TO GET THERE! IF THE PLUTONIANS ARE CORRECT, THE BOYS ARE IN GREAT DANGER!

DR. LIEBERT! THE ROCKET IS READY FOR THE TAKE-OFF!



**AAARRRUULL**  
**GRRRLLL**

OHH...I CAN'T KEEP GOING! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME!

STOW IT, ARNOLD! IF WE LEAVE YOU, YOU'LL DIE! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

WHAT? WHAT IS...

GREAT HEAVENS! THEY'RE GONNA FIGHT!

**WUMFF!**  
**RRUULL**

**AAARRRUULLL**

**UUUGGMMFF!**

UGGG! IT'S AWFUL!

THIS PLANET GIVES ME THE CREEPS!

C'MON, WE'D BETTER GET MOVING!

**CRUNCH**  
**CRACK**

OHHH! I CAN'T GO ON WALKING! I CAN'T...

STAY HERE, THEN! I DON'T GIVE A... HEY!

HOLD IT, SIMPLY! THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THAT WATER!



GOOD GOSH! I'D HAVE BEEN CHEWED TO RIBBONS!

THEY LOOK A LOT LIKE THE SOUTH AMERICAN PIRANHAS! THEY CAN DESTROY A MAN IN SECONDS!



WAIT! IT...

WE'VE GOT TO TRY IT! HERE—I'LL GO FIRST! ARNOLD, YOU COME NEXT!

NOT ME! I WON'T DO IT!



LET ME GO! YOU FOOL! I WON'T... NO! NO!

YOU'RE GOING ACROSS, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT! AND YOU'D BETTER HANG ONTO THIS VINE, IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!



IT'S BREAKING! SWING YOUR BODY AS HARD AS YOU CAN! I'LL GRAB YOU!

RRIPPP

OOHH... OOHH...



SNAP

THERE! I'VE GOT YOU! EASY, BOY!



MEANWHILE...

ANY SIGN OF THE BOYS, DR. LIEBERT!

NO, BUT LOOK! THAT TERRIFIC GLEAMING MASS ON THE FAR SIDE! THERE'S A CLEARING NEAR IT! I'LL TRY FOR A LANDING!



YIPPEE! IT'S THE MOTHER ROCKET!

BOY! I WAS NEVER SO GLAD TO SEE ANYTHING IN MY LIFE!

R-R-RO

WARRR



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

DR. LIEBERT! MICHAELS! WE DIDN'T THINK YOU'D EVER GET HERE!

THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE ALL ALIVE!

WE ARE NEAR SOMETHING OF TREMENDOUS BRILLIANCE RIGHT IN THE JUNGLE! HAVE YOU SEEN IT?





SEE! THERE—LIKE A THOUSAND PRECIOUS STONES!

YOU WON'T RUN LIKE THIS WHEN YOU'VE BEEN ON THIS PLACE AS LONG AS WE HAVE!



GOOD GOSH! IT'S A CITY!

BUT... DESERTED!



FANTASTIC! THESE BUILDINGS ARE BEAUTIFULLY CONSTRUCTED! THEIR CIVILIZATION MUST BE QUITE ADVANCED!

WHY WOULD THE PEOPLE ABANDON THEIR CITY?

SAY! LOOK AT THESE TRAP DOORS! LET'S SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!



UGGH...

WHATEVER'S DOWN HERE, THEY WANT TO KEEP IT THERE! THIS GLASS IS OVER A FOOT THICK!

PHEW! SMELLS LIKE AN OLD TOMB!



WATCH OUT FOR THESE STEPS!

KEEP YOUR GUNS READY! NO TELLING WHAT WE'LL FIND!



IT'S...IT'S A TOMB! LIKE THE EGYPTIAN PYRAMIDS!

NO, DOCTOR! IT'S NOT A TOMB! THESE MEN ARE BREATHING! THEY'RE ALIVE!



MAYBE HE CAN EXPLAIN WHY THEY SEALED THEMSELVES DOWN HERE!

I SURE HOPE SO!

LET'S CARRY HIM UP TO THE SURFACE! I DON'T THINK WE CAN SAFELY BREATHE THIS AIR MUCH LONGER!



S'POSE HE CAN'T BREATHE?

IF THEY DIDN'T BREATHE THIS AIR NORMALLY, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DEVELOPED ON THIS PLANET IN THE FIRST PLACE!

HE'S BEGINNING TO COME AROUND!

HE LOOKS AWFULLY FRIGHTENED!

I GUESS WE'D BE FRIGHTENED, TOO, IF WE WOKE UP AND SAW HIM BENDING OVER US!





WE ARE FRIENDS! WE DO NOT WISH TO HARM YOU!

HE'S DESPERATELY AFRAID OF SOMETHING! IT'S GETTIN' AWFUL DARK! YIIII!



GOOD LORD! LOOK! THEY'RE... THEY'RE...

INTO THE TRAP DOOR! HURRY!



SIMPY! YOU CAN'T KILL 'EM ALL! COME ON DOWN!



YIIII! HE'S GOT MY ARM!

DIVE FOR SAFETY, SIMPY! EVEN IF WE TAKE SOME OF 'EM WITH US! WE'VE GOT TO GET THE TRAP DOOR BACK ON!



THE VICIOUS DEVILS! I'VE GOT TO GET THIS SHUT!

HURRY! THEY'RE GETTING IN!



SLAM



AIIIEEE!

HIS TEETH ARE IN PRETTY DEEP, ROCKY!

GRIT YOUR TEETH, SIMPY! I'LL GET HIM!



MOMENTS LATER...

WHEW! THANK HEAVENS WE'VE KILLED 'EM ALL! NOW I KNOW WHY THESE KANTRAX MEN HOLED UP DOWN HERE! AT LEAST WE'RE SAFE, NOW!

SAFE? WE WON'T BE ABLE TO BREATHE THIS AIR FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AT MOST! WE HAVEN'T ANY FOOD OR WATER! AND THE MEN ON THE ROCKET DON'T KNOW WE'RE HERE, AND PROBABLY COULDN'T HELP US IF THEY DID!

THUMP  
FLAP FLAP  
THUMP

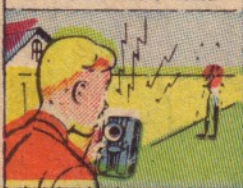
CAN THE ROCKETEERS HOPE TO CONQUER AN ENEMY THAT DEFEATED THE NATIVES OF THIS EERIE PLANET? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE DEVIL-CRAB BIRDS BREAK INTO THE LIVING TOMB? WHAT PART WILL THE MONSTER PLAY IN THEIR FEROCIOUS BATTLE FOR THEIR VERY LIVES? YOU DON'T DARE MISS THE NEXT AMAZING, TERRIFYING AWESOME-INSPIRING ADVENTURE OF "ROCKY X" IN BOY COMICS NEXT MONTH!

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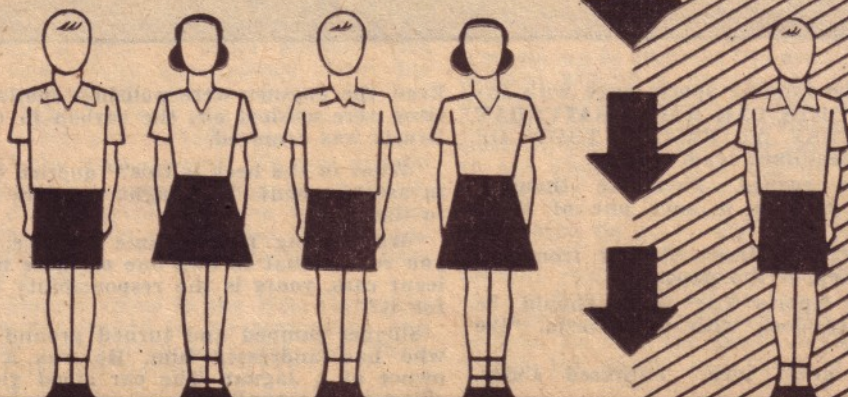
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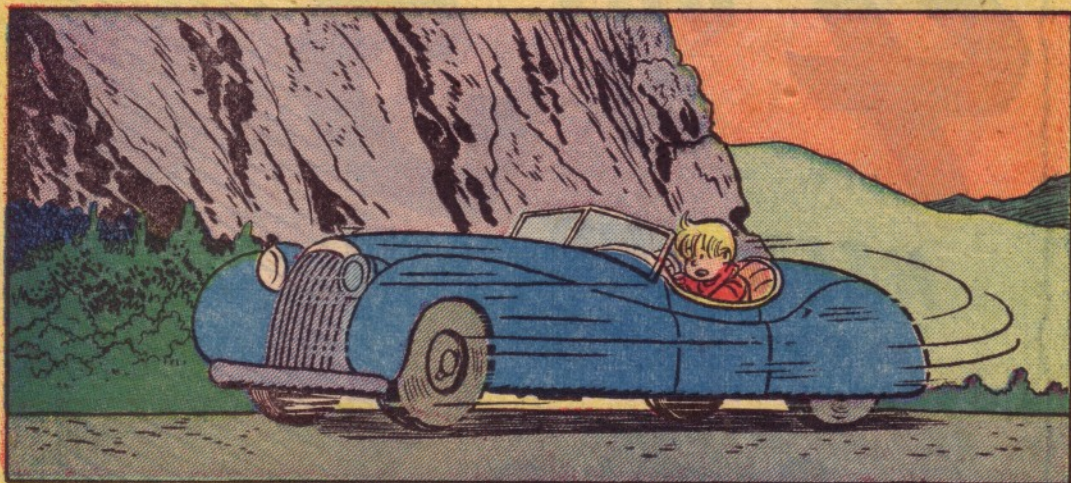
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**JANUARY 2 TO 31**

# 'Sugar Sloan'



Jock read the evening sports page with interest. SPORTS CAR RACES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT RESORT TOWN OF ESPAN, the headlines read.

"Wow!" he gasped. Then he thought, "Wouldn't it be fun to race one of those cars!"

"What's up?" muttered Slugger from behind his section of the paper.

"Oh, these Sports Car races should be fun," answered Jock with enthusiasm. "We ought to go."

"That's a great idea," enthused Curly. "Let's go."

"Sure is a great idea," shouted Scarecrow, "let's not only go, let's enter the races."

"Oh, Scarecrow," muttered Jock in disgust, "we can't enter. These races are for Sports Cars. Foreign Cars!"

"I still don't see why we can't enter the station wagon," answered the disgruntled Scarecrow, "After all, what is the station wagon but a sports car — and you might even say it's foreign. It certainly is foreign to what it was when it was originally made."

"You have a point there," answered Jock, "but it won't qualify. Anyway, let's go. Shall we?"

Saturday came quickly and the Wise Guys were up to an early start. On arrival at Espan, they immediately got a program of events. Noting one event, The Concours D'Elegance, Scarecrow scratched his head and wondered what they'd come for. He thought this was to be real racing. What was this concourse of elegance?

Not wanting to miss an event, the four Wise Guys toured down to the town green to see what happened at the Concours d'Elegance. Lined up on the green were all sizes and shapes of cars; MG's, Ferrari's, Jaguars, Porsche's, Allards, Bentley's. Over each car hovered it's proud owner, polishing, blowing off the dust, standing back in admiration. Never had the Wise Guys seen cars shine so. They showed no trace of dust or wear.

Even the engines were polished spotless, the tires were washed off, the carbon in the exhausts was removed.

"What in the heck is this?" queried Slugger in astonishment. "I thought we were coming to the races."

"Why young man," came a voice, "don't you realize that to own one of these magnificent cars, yours is the responsibility to care for it?"

Slugger jumped and turned around to see who had addressed him. He was a proud owner of a Jaguar. The car stood gleaming silver in the sunlight.

"I beg your pardon, sir," mumbled Slugger, "but I did think we were coming to the races."

"This is an important part of the race young man," answered the Jaguar owner in disgust, as he pulled out a small can of silver paint and touched up an almost indiscernible scratch on the paint job of his racer.

Scarecrow pulled out his program to see if something would explain this performance to him. As he perused the sheet, he read that Concours d'Elegance was the usual European approach and always the first event before the final climax of the town races. He shrugged and unfortunately at that moment sneezed. With full force, Scarecrow sneezed in the direction of an Allard which was at his left. Immediately a head poked out from underneath the car. Following the head came the body of a man who approached Scarecrow indignantly.

"Young man," the gentleman said, "will you kindly sneeze in another direction? Sneeze at the Bentley if you wish, but not at me. I've spent months, months, I tell you, polishing up this car. And now look!" He turned in distress as he vigorously rubbed the car down again.

"Oh, dear," muttered Scarecrow to Slugger. "This is pretty silly stuff. Let's go see if we can't find something exciting to do in this town."

Jock, however, was entranced with the cars, looked at all the engines, examined them thoroughly, Scarecrow and Slugger couldn't drag him away. As Scarecrow and Slugger cooled their heels waiting for Jock and Curly, they did admire the cars. Overcome with laughter watching the bespectacled judges, who surreptitiously felt underneath the cars with their handkerchiefs to see if they could find a terrible spot of dust or grease, Scarecrow and Slugger could scarcely appreciate the magnificence of the cars they were surveying.

The next morning Scarecrow and Slugger hoped they'd see something that resembled automobile racing. The women's races were first on the program and the four Wise Guys thought the best spot in town to watch would be the starting line.

Slugger had come away for the week end in his usual disorganized fashion. He'd meant to get a haircut for the past two weeks but had never gotten around to it. Having fallen into a large mud puddle the day before, he didn't have any dry clothes to wear. Jock had a spare pair of shorts, which on Slugger looked like a pair of pedal pushers. But Slugger was totally unconcerned about his appearance until his friend of the day before, the Jaguar owner, still holding the can of silver paint, approached him.

"I say," the man queried, "do you drive?"

"Of course," answered Slugger, insulted. "I can drive anything. Name it." Slugger then turned to the other Wise Guys to remark, "Imagine . . . can I drive? What does he think I am?"

While Slugger spoke to the Wise Guys, the Jaguar owner turned to his companion and said, "the young lady says she can drive. Do you think it's worth a try?"

"I don't see why not," answered his friend. "Ask her her name and let's get going."

"Would you drive my car?" queried the man of Slugger.

"Would I? Just show me to it!" breathlessly answered Slugger.

"What is your name?" asked the Jaguar owner.

"Sugar Sloan," muttered Slugger, incomprehensibly in his excitement.

"Sugar Sloan," reiterated the man, "all right. I'll fill out your entry. Just hop in and take a few practice runs."

Slugger was so busy admiring the Jaguar that he didn't notice the gentleman's misinterpretation of his name. He hopped in the car without having to be asked twice and roared off down the main street of the little town of Espan. Slugger had never had such fun driving. "What a car!" he thought. "Oh boy!" After practice running around the town a couple of times, Slugger noted his friend trying to flag him down at the starting line. Slugger came to a squealing stop to hear instructions.

"You mean, Mister, that you want me to race this vehicle?" asked the excited Slugger.

"Why not?" answered the man. "My wife's quite sick and . . ."

"Oh, I understand, sir, I'm terribly sorry," sympathized Slugger. Poor man, he thought, his wife conks out after he's probably been

practicing for months and months to enter this race. But he has no choice. He has to be with her. All the more incentive for me to win.

Slugger, well equipped with a driving helmet, a safety belt and all the necessities had been well briefed as to the course, the number of laps, and the handicaps. During the first escorted run around the track, he looked around at the other contestants. Even if he'd known any of them, they were either too far away or too well hidden under their driving helmets to be recognizable.

There was the starting flag, Slugger saw in a blur as he raced down the straight, over the line and headed for the first blind corner. The green flag waved him around the corner, with a skid and a squeal, he was around and on down to the next corner. Slugger gave the car all it could take and he really whizzed. He was conscious of little else but the other cars in the race as they approached or as he passed. The signal flags appeared as a blur, the spectators and cheers went unnoticed. Not in the lead at first, Slugger gained. First he overtook an MG, then he hoped for a whole lap to overtake the Allard. The Allard skidded around a corner and turned completely around losing ground and Slugger overtook it. Still another Jaguar to pass, he thought, but he couldn't be sure. It was hard to tell about the laps and he didn't know which one he was on, or which the other fellow was on. Round and round the two mile track he drove. He could feel the dust caking on his cheeks, he could smell the burning rubber on the corners. He hoped to see the Wise Guys but all was a blur. Speeding down the straightaway he was signaled to stop. He took the escape route instead of taking the corner and came to a whirring stop.

As Slugger stopped, the first person who came running out and hopped in the car was his friend, the owner of the car. The gentleman put his arm around him, patted him on the back and said (at least, Slugger thought he said) "Sugar, you really can drive!"

Slugger shrugged the remark off and parked the car and walked toward the judge's stand. Other cars were still coming in, screeching to stops and finally the last one was in.

Finally, still dazed, Slugger heard over the loud speaker: "The winner! Driving Mike Malone's Jaguar, Number 12. A newcomer. Sugar Sloan, pinch hitting for Mrs. Malone. Hottest little driver we've seen yet!"

Slugger opened his mouth but was interrupted by the approach of the other Wise Guys.

"Hey, Sugar," yelled Curly. "You'all is the best li'l lady driver on the track."

"Yeah, Sugar," said Scarecrow, "that was the best drivin' I've seen a girl do for a long time."

Speechless, the winner of the women's race was lifted on the shoulders of the three Wise Guys and carried across the track.

THE END

# CRIMEBUSTER

IN "THE SWIM FOR LIFE"

STORY BY  
CHARLES  
BIRO

UNCLE ED...WHAT'S  
THE MATTER WITH NEIL?  
HE LOOKS SICK!

NEIL, WHAT IS  
IT? COME ON, BOY!  
IT'S LESS THAN TWO  
MILES TO THE DOVER  
BEACH! IS SOMETHING  
WRONG?

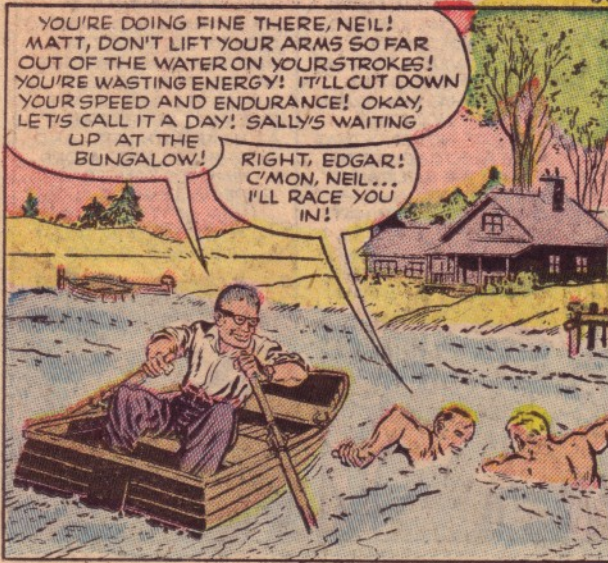
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I DON'T KNOW,  
EDGAR! I'M...  
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NATE...MY MUSCLES...  
FEEL...SO  
WEAK!

EH? QU'EST  
CE QUE C'EST?  
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BRAM  
MURER  
1952

THERE'S A MIGHTY GOOD REASON WHY SCHOOL ATHLETES RARELY GO CROOKED! NOT ONLY DO ACTIVE SPORTS ENABLE THEM TO BURN OFF EXCESS ENERGY, BUT EVERY ORGANIZED SPORT HAS FIRM RULES WHICH SYMBOLIZE OUR CIVIL LAWS GIVING AN ATHLETE EARLY CONDITIONING FOR HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIS FELLOW MEN IN LATER LIFE! CLIPPING, UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS, OR ANY VIOLATION OF THE RULES, IS QUICKLY PENALIZED BY THE REFEREE! LET VIOLATION ON ANY FIELD OF SPORT GO UNPUNISHED, AND YOU'LL HEAR A HOWL SHAKE THE STANDS! GOOD ATHLETES, AS A RULE, ARE GOOD SPORTS; AND A GOOD SPORT PLAYS THE GAME FAIRLY, ON OR OFF THE FIELD! THAT'S WHY IT'S SUCH A SHOCK TO EVERYONE WHEN THE PRENTISS' BROTHERS ARE ACCUSED OF THE FOULEST PLAY OF ALL...MURDER!

*Charles Biro*



YOU'RE DOING FINE THERE, NEIL! MATT, DON'T LIFT YOUR ARMS SO FAR OUT OF THE WATER ON YOUR STROKES! YOU'RE WASTING ENERGY! IT'LL CUT DOWN YOUR SPEED AND ENDURANCE! OKAY, LET'S CALL IT A DAY! SALLY'S WAITING UP AT THE BUNGALOW!

RIGHT, EDGAR! C'MON, NEIL... I'LL RACE YOU IN!



WHEW! YOU'RE GETTING FAST! GUESS IT'S A TIE! SAY, LOOK AT SALLY! SHE SEEMS UPSET!

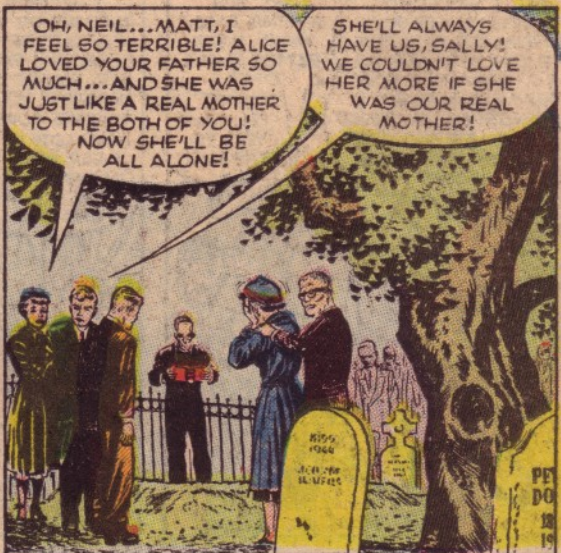
MATT... NEIL! COME QUICKLY! IT'S ALICE... SHE JUST CALLED! SOMETHING TERRIBLE'S HAPPENED... YOUR FATHER! HE'S... OH, HURRY! HURRY!

DAD! OH, NO!



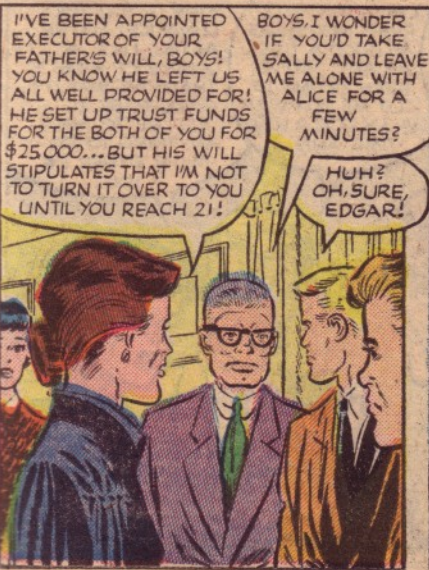
ALICE! WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S HAP...

MATT, DON'T! WE'RE TOO LATE! DAD'S... GONE ALREADY!



OH, NEIL... MATT, I FEEL SO TERRIBLE! ALICE LOVED YOUR FATHER SO MUCH... AND SHE WAS JUST LIKE A REAL MOTHER TO THE BOTH OF YOU! NOW SHE'LL BE ALL ALONE!

SHE'LL ALWAYS HAVE US, SALLY! WE COULDN'T LOVE HER MORE IF SHE WAS OUR REAL MOTHER!



I'VE BEEN APPOINTED EXECUTOR OF YOUR FATHER'S WILL, BOYS! YOU KNOW HE LEFT US ALL WELL PROVIDED FOR! HE SET UP TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BOTH OF YOU FOR \$25,000... BUT HIS WILL STIPULATES THAT I'M NOT TO TURN IT OVER TO YOU UNTIL YOU REACH 21!

BOYS, I WONDER IF YOU'D TAKE SALLY AND LEAVE ME ALONE WITH ALICE FOR A FEW MINUTES?

HUH? OH, SURE, EDGAR!



ALICE, I KNOW JOHN LEFT YOU VERY WELL OFF, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT'S NOT WHAT PROMPTS ME TO SAY THIS! MAYBE IT'S TOO SOON... BUT YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, ALICE! AND VERY ATTRACTIVE! JOHN WAS MY VERY BEST FRIEND, EVEN BEFORE YOU MARRIED... AND THROUGH THE YEARS, I CAME TO LOVE YOU AS HE DID!

PLEASE, EDGAR... I... I...



LISTEN, ALICE... I'M NOT SAYING THIS OUT OF PITY! BUT YOU CAN'T BURY YOURSELF IN THIS BIG HOUSE AND LIVE WITH JUST MEMORIES! I LOVE YOU, ALICE! I WANT TO MARRY YOU!

I... I'M SORRY, EDGAR! AFTER JOHN, THERE'LL NEVER BE ANYONE ELSE FOR ME! I SHAN'T BE STAYING HERE ANY WAY! WITHOUT JOHN, I COULDN'T STAND IT! I'M GOING TO SELL THE HOUSE AND TAKE A SMALL APARTMENT IN TOWN! THE BOYS WILL BE STAYING AT COLLEGE!



I REALIZE HOW CLOSE YOU ARE TO THE BOYS, EDGAR! THEY'RE OLD ENOUGH TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS REGARDING YOU... BUT SINCE I DON'T SHARE THOSE FEELINGS, I THINK IT WOULD BE WISER FOR US NOT TO SEE EACH OTHER ANY MORE! I DON'T WANT ANY COMPLICATIONS TO ARISE!

Alice, you can't mean... very well, Alice, as you wish!

BOY  
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

WHAT'S UP, EDGAR... YOU SOUNDED VERY UPSET OVER THE PHONE!

IN MY OFFICIAL CAPACITY AT THE BANK, I WAS CHECKING OVER A FEW THINGS! DID YOU KNOW THAT ALICE HAS WITHDRAWN EVERY CENT, INCLUDING YOUR TRUST? NOT ONLY THAT, BUT SHE'S ALSO CASHED THE CHECKS FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND FOR THE SALE OF THE HOUSE!

WHAT? BUT I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

WELL, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT SHE'D WANT TO DEPOSIT THE MONEY IN ANOTHER BANK, BECAUSE WE PAY THE HIGHEST INTEREST! THAT MEANS SHE MUST BE KEEPING IT AT HOME WITH HER... AND SINCE SHE'S LIVING ALONE, I THINK IT'S DANGEROUS... ESPECIALLY SINCE ALMOST HALF OF IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR YOU TWO!

OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY! YOU SEE, SHE'S HIRED A GIRL DETECTIVE TO STAY WITH HER AS A COMPANION! IT DOES SEEM STRANGE, BUT I GUESS SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT HER SECURITY NOW THAT DAD'S GONE!

SAY! IT'S GETTING LATE, NEIL! WE'D BETTER SHOVE OFF!

I'LL WALK YOU TO THE BUS!

I HADN'T REALIZED THE TIME! YES, YOU'D BETTER GET GOING! REMEMBER, YOU'RE IN TRAINING! YOU TWO ARE GOING TO NEED LOTS OF SLEEP FROM NOW ON UNTIL YOU TACKLE THE CHANNEL!

I WON'T BE LONG, UNCLE ED... JUST TILL THE BUS COMES ALONG!

GOOD NIGHT, EDGAR! WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU'RE DOING! YOU'RE JUST LIKE A SECOND FATHER TO THE BOTH OF US!

BY THE WAY, SALLY YOU HAVEN'T MADE ANY PLANS YET FOR SATURDAY NIGHT! HOW ABOUT A MOVIE?

HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA? YOU KNEW I'D PLANNED TO ASK SALLY OUT MYSELF!

SO WHAT? SINCE WHEN DO YOU HAVE A CLAIM ON HER? YOU MAY BE MY OLDER BROTHER, BUT I'VE GOT SOME IDEAS OF MY OWN!

THAT'S STILL A PRETTY DIRTY TRICK! I'VE A GOOD MIND TO POKE YOU RIGHT IN THE NOSE!

MATT! NEIL! DON'T!

WELL, ANY-TIME YOU THINK YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH, I'LL TAKE YOU ON!

OH, YEAH? WELL, RIGHT NOW SEEMS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY! YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO CUT ME OUT WITH SALLY FOR A LONG TIME AND...

STOP IT, YOU TWO LUNATICS! YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A COUPLE OF KIDS! IF THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE, I REFUSE TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH EITHER OF YOU!

I... I'M SORRY, SALLY! YOU'RE RIGHT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME! IT'S JUST THAT... WE'LL, WE'VE PRACTICALLY GROWN UP TOGETHER, AND YOU'VE COME TO MEAN A LOT TO ME! I GUESS WE SHOULD LET YOU MAKE THE DECISION!

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, NEIL! I'M VERY FOND OF YOU BOTH! COULDN'T WE MAKE IT A THREESOME? THAT WAY NO ONE GETS HURT!



I GUESS I'M DUE FOR AN APOLOGY, TOO! ANYTHING YOU SAY IS OKAY WITH ME, SALLY... BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW NEIL DOESN'T HAVE A CLAIM ON LOVE! I'M PRETTY CRAZY ABOUT YOU, TOO!

I... I KNOW, MATT! BUT PLEASE DON'T PUT ME ON THE SPOT BY ASKING ME TO PICK BETWEEN YOU! I CAN'T! I... OH, HERE COMES YOUR BUS!



ON THE WEEKS TO FOLLOW, EDGAR TIRELESSLY COACHED THE BOYS AS PUBLIC INTEREST CLIMBED HIGHER AND HIGHER...

CLEVER PUBLICITY STUNT... MATCHING TWO BROTHERS AGAINST EACH OTHER IN A CHANNEL SWIM! I'D SAY THEY'RE OUT TO BEAT THE RECORD! SAY, WHAT NEWS SERVICE ARE YOU WITH?

I'M NOT! I'M TRYING TO GET THE BOYS TO ENDORSE MY COMPANY'S SWIMMING SUITS! I HEAR THEY'VE GOT A COLLECTION OF TROPHIES THAT'D KNOCK YOUR EYES OUT!



HOLD IT FOR ONE MORE SHOT, BOYS!

SAY, BOYS, MY COMPANY WILL PAY YOU \$1000 TO ENDORSE "NO-BURN" SUN-TAN-OIL! I HAVE THE CONTRACT RIGHT HERE!



I DON'T GET IT, EDGAR! WHY NO ENDORSEMENTS? MATT AND I CAN'T TOUCH OUR INHERITANCE FOR A YEAR, AND THAT MONEY'D SURE COME IN HANDY TOWARD FINANCING OUR TRIP TO EUROPE!

RIGHT NOW YOU'RE ONLY WOULD-BE HEROES! \$1000 IS PEANUTS COMPARED TO WHAT THEY'LL PAY AFTER YOU SWIM THE CHANNEL! I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY BUT I AM WILLING TO LAY OUT THE EXPENSES MYSELF! LET'S CALL IT AN INVESTMENT!



C'MON, BOYS! HURRY IT UP! WE'LL RUN INTO TOWN AND PUT ON THE FEED BAG!

SORRY, EDGAR, BUT I'VE GOT A DATE WITH SALLY FOR DINNER THIS EVENING!

YOU WHAT?! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! SALLY MADE A DATE WITH ME FOR DINNER!



WHAT? AGAIN? OH, FOR CRYING OUT TEARS! LOOK, MATT, WE'VE GOT TO SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL! I'VE BEEN PLANNING TO ASK SALLY TO MARRY ME AND...

WELL, SO'VE I! AND HOW D'YOU PROPOSE TO SETTLE IT? SALLY'S REFUSED TO PICK ONE FOR FEAR OF HURTING THE OTHER! I'D FIGHT YOU IF I THOUGHT IT WOULD SETTLE THINGS... BUT IT WON'T!



WAIT A MINUTE... I'VE GOT IT! THE CHANNEL SWIM GOES OFF IN TWO WEEKS! WHICH-EVER ONE OF US MAKES IT IN LESS TIME GETS SALLY! THE LOSER GIVES UP ALL CLAIM ON HER!

SURE! AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT! I'LL BET EVERY CENT OF THE TRUST FUND ON IT, TOO! IT'LL GO TOWARD SUPPORTING SALLY IN A DECENT STYLE! OR ARE YOU TOO CHICKEN TO MAKE THE BET?



AGREEING TO THE TERMS, NEIL AND MATT INFORMED SALLY OF THE FACT SEEKING HER APPROVAL...

PLEASE UNDERSTAND, SALLY... WE'RE NOT TRYING TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO! BUT IT SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO SETTLE THIS SITUATION—IT'S THE ONLY WAY!

I UNDERSTAND! ONLY...WHY MUST YOU INSIST ON BETTING YOUR INHERITANCE, TOO? I'LL AGREE TO MARRY THE WINNER, BUT...

THAT'S ALL WE WANTED TO HEAR! PLEASE LEAVE THE REST TO MATT AND ME, HUH?

IT WAS A LOVELY DINNER, BOYS! THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND...OH! I JUST REMEMBERED! ALICE CALLED ME TODAY! SHE SAID SHE HASN'T SEEN YOU FOR QUITE A WHILE!

OH, GOSH! I GUESS WE HAVE BEEN KIND OF NEGLECTFUL SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN HEAVY TRAINING! WE'LL DROP OVER AND SEE HER BEFORE WE LEAVE! THANKS, SALLY, AND GOOD NIGHT!

MAY, WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE! I THOUGHT MY TWO BOYS HAD DESERTED ME! COME, GIVE ME A GREAT BIG HUG!

YOU KNOW WE DIDN'T FORGET YOU, ALICE! IT'S JUST THAT WE'VE BEEN PRETTY BUSY WITH OUR STUDIES AND TRAINING, AND LATELY THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PUBLICITY AND WE'VE HAD TO MAKE TIME FOR PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS!

WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO EUROPE! ARE YOU GOING TO WISH US LUCK?

OH, YES, OF COURSE! BUT YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT! IT...IT SEEMS WRONG, SOMEHOW! YOUR FATHER WAS A GREAT SWIMMER, TOO! JUST LOOK AT THOSE TROPHIES! HIS GREATEST AMBITION WAS TO SWIM THE ENGLISH CHANNEL... BUT WITH BUSINESS COMMITMENTS AND ALL, HE NEVER QUITE GOT AROUND TO IT! THAT'S WHY IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT FOR YOU TO DO IT!

BUT, DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, ALICE! IN A WAY WE'RE DOING IT FOR HIM... IT'S WHAT HE'D WANT! TRY TO SEE IT OUR WAY!

OF COURSE! I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY! YES, YOU'RE RIGHT... GO TO IT, BOYS! LOTS OF LUCK!

ER, ALICE...THERE WAS ONE OTHER THING WE WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT! IT'S THE MONEY! WHY DIDN'T YOU DEPOSIT THE INSURANCE CHECKS WITH THE TRUST FUNDS INSTEAD OF WITHDRAWING EVERYTHING?

BECAUSE I DON'T TRUST BANKS! YOUR FATHER LOST THOUSANDS DURING THE DEPRESSION! BUT DON'T WORRY! EVELYN HERE, IS A FINE COMPANION AND PROTECTOR! SHE USED TO BE A DETECTIVE! BY KEEPING THE MONEY HERE, I'M ALWAYS SURE OF IT... AND YOU CAN BE ALSO!

OF ALL THE STUPID...WHO GAVE THIS STORY OUT? IT MAY BE PUBLICITY, BUT NOT THE KIND THAT EVER DOES ANY GOOD!

I DIDN'T SAY A WORD, EDGAR! I FIGURED IT WAS A PERSONAL THING!

NEITHER OF US DID, EDGAR! BUT YOU KNOW THOSE REPORTERS... ALWAYS SNOOPING AROUND TO PICK UP ANY PIECE OF DIRT THEY CAN!

NEW YORK CLARION  
CHANNEL TRY GRUDGE FIGHT... BROTHERS BATTLE FOR GIRL'S LOVE!

THE BIG DAY ARRIVED...EARLY MORNING AT CAPE GRISNEZ, FRANCE...

I KNOW THIS GREASE IS HEAVY, BUT YOU WON'T FEEL IT IN THE WATER, AND IT'LL KEEP YOU WARM! I'LL BE ALONGSIDE NEIL WITH THE ENGLISH REPRESENTATIVE AND SALLY'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU ALL THE TIME! ANY QUESTIONS?

NO! LET'S GET GOING!

YOU'RE SO QUIET, SALLY! ANY REGRETS?

NO, NEIL! I GUESS THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO DECIDE! I'M IN LOVE WITH THE BOTH OF YOU! GOOD LUCK!



OKAY, NEIL... MATT! LET'S GO! ALL RIGHT, SHOVE US OFF!

THERE THEY GO!

NINETEEN MILES! THAT SURE IS A SWIM!



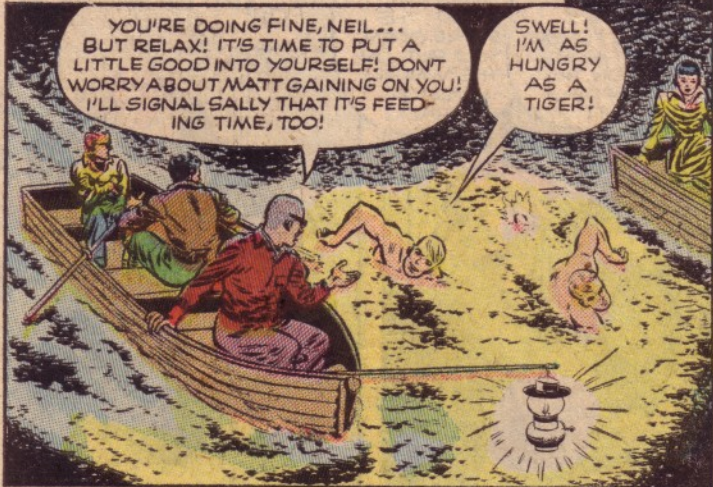
MUST'VE GONE ABOUT FIVE MILES ALREADY... AND NEIL'S RIGHT BEHIND ME! A LITTLE MORE EFFORT MIGHT GIVE ME A LEAD, BUT I CAN'T RISK TIRING MYSELF!

GOT TO TAKE IT EASY... CONSERVE MY STRENGTH! LET MATT TIRE HIMSELF OUT... THEN I'LL PUT ON A BURST OF SPEED ABOUT A MILE FROM SHORE!



HERE IS THE LATEST REPORT ON THE TWO AMERICAN SWIMMERS, NEIL AND MATT PRENTISS ATTEMPTING TODAY, TO SET A NEW CHANNEL RECORD! A LOW FLYING AIRPLANE REPORTS SIGHTING THEM AT A HALF-WAY POINT AFTER SEVEN HOURS IN THE WATER...

THE HOURS DRAGGED BY... A LONG AFTERNOON GAVE WAY TO EVENING... AND THEN NIGHT! WITH THREE MILES LEFT TO GO, NEIL AND MATT WERE STILL NECK AND NECK...



YOU'RE DOING FINE, NEIL... BUT RELAX! IT'S TIME TO PUT A LITTLE GOOD INTO YOURSELF! DON'T WORRY ABOUT MATT GAINING ON YOU! I'LL SIGNAL SALLY THAT IT'S FEEDING TIME, TOO!

SWELL! I'M AS HUNGRY AS A TIGER!



EASY, NOW... TAKE SMALL BITES, AND CHEW THEM WELL! THERE'S A BIG STEAK WAITING FOR YOU ON SHORE... SO DON'T GO GETTING YOURSELF A CASE OF THE CRAMPS! OKAY, NOW TAKE A SIP OF THE MILK TO WASH IT DOWN!



LATER... NEIL'S FALLING BEHIND... MUST'VE USED UP ALL OF HIS ENERGY! ONLY A MILE AND A HALF MORE OR SO! I'LL MAKE IT IN A BREEZE!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, NEIL? YOU'RE FALLING BEHIND?

EDGAR... I... I'M SO GROGGY! ARMS FEEL LIKE THEY'RE FALLING OFF! I CAN... HARDLY LIFT 'EM!



HE WAS DOING FINE FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO! THEN, HE JUST SEEMED TO LOSE ALL COORDINATION! HE WASN'T MAKING ANY HEADWAY!

EDGAR! WH..WHAT'S HAPPENING! C..CAN'T CLEAR MY HEAD! SALLY... I'VE LOST SALLY! I CAN'T MAKE IT! PULL ME OUT!

SURE! UP YOU COME, BOY! TAKE IT EASY! MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME! HAND ME THAT ROBE AND HOTCOFFEE!



I FAILED, EDGAR! I FAILED YOU... AND DAD... AND WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT, I'VE LOST SALLY FOREVER! WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

DON'T LET IT THROW YOU, KID... IT'S ALL IN THE GAME!

QU'EST QUE C'EST? EST IL FATIGUÉ?

OUI! VERY TIRED I THINK!



IT'S MATT PRENTISS! HE MADE IT IN LESS THAN FIFTEEN HOURS!

HOLD IT! LET ME GET THIS SHOT OF HIM COMING OUT OF THE WATER!

MATT! YOU MADE IT! YOU'RE A HERO!

WELL, IT'S ALL OVER! NEIL! SORRY, YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT... WHAT DO YOU SAY... WE SHAKE HANDS... AND FORGET OUR DIFFERENCES!

THAT'S RIGHT... ACT SMUG! YOU'VE GOT SALLY! THE MONEY... AND ALL THE GLORY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ME... BUT YOU KNOW I SHOULD'VE WON BY A BREEZE! I OUGHT TO CLIP YOU ONE!



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WELL, WE'VE BEEN HOME A WEEK NOW, NEIL! HAVE YOU MADE ANY PLANS... DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO?

I... I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO THINK STRAIGHT! IT WAS SUCH A SUDDEN SHOCK! I NEED TIME, EDGAR... I'M GOING FOR A WALK! I HAVE TO BE ALONE!



SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

OH, WE'RE OUT OF COFFEE, EVELYN! I KNEW I FORGOT TO PUT SOME THING ON THAT SHOPPING LIST!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! I'M SURE I'LL FIND THE STORE OPEN! YOU PUT ON THE WATER! I'LL BE BACK!



OH!!



MY GOODNESS, EVELYN... YOU COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT QUICKLY! WHY, I'VE HARDLY... OH!! IT'S ONLY YOU! YOU STARTLED ME FOR A MOMENT- I THOUGHT IT WAS...

WHERE DO YOU KEEP THE MONEY, ALICE?



WH.. WHAT?.. ARE YOU GOING TO DO? NO! NO! DON'T DO IT! I... I'LL TELL YOU! IT'S IN THERE... IN THERE! PLEASE DON'T! LET ME GO... L..LET... AGGHH!

AND LET YOU TELL THE POLICE IT WAS ME! NO, ALICE! NEVER!



THE GIRL SAYS THERE WAS WELL OVER \$100,000 HIDDEN IN THE NEXT ROOM... AND IT'S GONE NOW! SHE'S GOT A GOOD RECORD AS A FORMER POLICE WOMAN, C.B.! AND SINCE THE MOTIVE WAS OBVIOUSLY ROBBERY, LOOVER! ONLY I THINK OUR MAN'S NEIL PRENTISS!

SO IT WOULD APPEAR, LOOVER! ONLY IT'S TOO PERFECT! LET'S SEE HOW EASY HE IS TO PICK UP FIRST!

IT'S RIDICULOUS! I TELL YOU I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT! THE FIRST I HEARD WAS WHEN YOU MEN PICKED ME UP! IF I'D HAVE DONE IT, WHY WOULD I STICK AROUND TO BE ARRESTED?

MAYBE BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD BLUFF YOUR WAY OUT OF IT! BUT YOU STILL INSIST YOU WERE OUT WALKING AND CAN'T PRODUCE A WITNESS TO ACCOUNT FOR YOUR TIME!

EASE UP, LOOVER! THIS SMELLS OF FRAME UP! I'M GOING TO QUESTION THE OTHERS!

IN YOUR OPINION, CONSIDERING ALL FACTS, WAS NEIL CAPABLE OF COMMITTING MURDER?

I..I DON'T KNOW! MY OWN BROTHER...IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE AND YET...NO! NEVER!

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

WHO CAN SAY? I WAS LIKE A FATHER TO THE BOY! NORMALLY, I'D SAY NO... BUT CONSIDERING RECENT EVENTS, WELL...

SO SALLY FALK DIS-AGREES WITH HER UNCLE! I'D SAY SHE'S RULED BY BLIND EMOTION... SAME AS NEIL'S BROTHER, MATT!

NEIL TOLD ME ALL ABOUT THE CHANNEL SWIM, TOO! I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL THE FACTS! I WANT TO CHECK SOMETHING OVER AT THE POLICE LAB!

HMM... SOMETHING THAT COULD WEAKEN A PERSON... CAUSE HIM TO LOOSE HIS COORDINATION... BECOME GROGGY! SURE, SODIUM PHENOBARBITAL COULD BRING THAT ON... BUT IT CAN'T USUALLY BE OBTAINED WITHOUT A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION! IT'S A POWDER AND TASTELESS IN FOOD!

THANKS, LARRY! JUST WHAT I WANTED!

WHEN CAME THE TEDIIOUS FOOTWORK FAMILIAR TO A GOOD DETECTIVE... FINALLY, AFTER MANY TIRING HOURS...

WHY, YES, I REMEMBER HIM! FILLED A PRESCRIPTION FOR SODIUM PHENOBARBITAL! I DON'T HAVE MANY CALLS FOR THAT! IT WAS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO KEEP ALL PRESCRIPTION ORDERS! MAY I SEE IT, PLEASE?

FIND ANYTHING?

YOU BET! THIS PRESCRIPTION IS A PHONY! THERE'S NO DOCTOR IN THE CLASSIFIED TELEPHONE DIRECTORY WITH THIS NAME! I'LL NEED THIS FOR GUIDANCE!

HOLD IT, C.B! YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST FOR ME! WHY, OF ALL PEOPLE DID YOU PICK ON EDGAR FALK?

SEVERAL FACTORS ARE INVOLVED, LOOVER! THE TIMING WAS TOO PERFECT! FIRST, NEIL DIDN'T HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ALIBI! SECOND, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THE KILLER DELIBERATELY WANTED TO IMPLICATE NEIL TO CAST SUSPICION OFF HIMSELF! SO IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN A STRANGER!

SINCE ROBBERY WAS THE MOTIVE, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MATT! WITH ALL HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCES, OFFERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRODUCT ENDORSEMENTS, HE HAS PLENTY OF MONEY... AND WAS STILL DUE FOR HIS INHERITANCE! AND SINCE SALLY DOESN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO STRANGLE A VICTIM SO VIOLENTLY, THAT LEAVES EDGAR! BUT IN ORDER TO PROVE IT, I'LL NEED COOPERATION!

OF COURSE, I'LL COOPERATE TO NAB THAT MADMAN AND PUT HIM WHERE HE BELONGS! WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

FIRST, RELEASE NEIL IN MY CUSTODY! MY PLAN WILL CALL FOR A DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT IF HE'S WILLING TO HELP TRAP EDGAR!

EDGAR? I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S TOO UNCANNY AND STILL...SURE, I'LL HELP YOU, CRIMEBUSTER... ANYTHING YOU SAY! IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, I'D BE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER! WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

GOOD BOY! NOW, LISTEN, CAREFULLY! IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE SOME EXPERT ACTING ON YOUR PART! GO TO EDGAR AND TELL HIM...

WHO IS IT? WHA... NEIL! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN JAIL!

CRIMEBUSTER GOT ME OUT IN HIS CUSTODY, BECAUSE HE BELIEVES I'M INNOCENT! EDGAR, YOU'VE GOT TO HIDE ME! I...I JUST KILLED MATT! HE REFUSED TO GIVE MONEY TO HIRE A LAWYER...I KILLED HIM! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!

KILLED MATT! NOW YOUR GOOSE IS COOKED FOR CERTAIN! YOU'D NEVER CONVINCE THEM NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T KILL ALICE, TOO! YOU DID KILL ALICE, DIDN'T YOU, NEIL?

NO, NO! I DIDN'T, EDGAR!

IF I ADMITTED KILLING HER WHEN HE DID IT, HE'D KNOW THIS WAS A TRICK!

THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE YOU NOW, NEIL! I...OF COURSE I'LL HELP YOU ESCAPE! OH-OH! I HEAR A CAR PULLING UP! HURRY, GET IN THAT CLOSET! I'LL SEND THEM AWAY WHOEVER IT IS!

SURE, EDGAR, WHATEVER YOU SAY! ONLY DON'T LET THEM GET ME!

I'M SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, MR. FALK, BUT WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEIL! I THOUGHT HE WAS INNOCENT AND RELEASED HIM, AND JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO WE FOUND MATT...DEAD! WE FIGURED NEIL MIGHTVE COME TO YOU FOR HELP!

NEIL...COME HERE? WHY NO! BUT IF HE DOES COME... OR GETS IN TOUCH WITH ME, REST ASSURED...I'LL TURN HIM IN!

OKAY, LET'S GO! DRIVE OUT OF SIGHT! THEN, WE'LL HIKE IT BACK TO THE BUNGALOW! I HOPE WE'RE ON TIME!

RIGHT, CRIMEBUSTER!

THANK GOODNESS THEY DIDN'T INSIST ON A SEARCH! I KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF NEIL FOR GOOD...AND NOBODY'LL BE THE WISER! THERE THEY GO! I'LL WAIT TILL THEY'RE OUT OF SIGHT AND...

COME OUT, NEIL! THEY'RE GONE! WE'RE ALL ALONE!.. THE THREE OF US! YOU, ME AND MY LITTLE FRIEND! I'M GOING TO KILL YOU, NEIL!

WHA... BUT, WHY, EDGAR- WHY? IF THIS IS THE WAY YOU FELT, WHY DIDN'T YOU TURN ME OVER TO C.B.?

BECAUSE YOU INSIST ON ADMITTING ONLY TO MATT'S MURDER! THAT WOULD LEAVE ALICE AN OPEN CASE! YOU SEE, I KILLED ALICE, NEIL! FOOL THAT SHE WAS! SHE'D STILL BE ALIVE IF SHE'D MARRIED ME AND LET ME CONTROL HER MONEY... BUT SHE WOULDN'T HAVE ME! I PLANNED WELL, NEIL! DOPED YOUR FOOD SO YOU'D LOSE THE RACE... MAKING YOU THE OBVIOUS SUSPECT! NOW PREPARE TO DIE!



IT'S NO USE, EDGAR! THE POLICE KNOW IT WAS YOU, SO I'LL JUST... UGHH!



OH, NO, YOU DON'T! THERE! TRY TO BLUFF ME WITH A STUPID YARN LIKE THAT! NOW YOU'VE MADE IT LOOK BETTER! I'LL TELL THEM YOU CAME TO ME FOR HELP! I REFUSED, AND WE FOUGHT! I HAD TO KILL YOU!

I'LL EVEN TELL THEM YOU ADMITTED TO BOTH MURDERS BEFORE I KILLED YOU! WHO WOULDN'T BELIEVE A MAN PROTECTING HIMSELF AGAINST A MURDERER? HA! HA! HA! AGGHH!

IT'S NOT THE BEST METHOD OF DISTURBING A KILLER, EDGAR, BUT IT'LL DO IN A PINCH! WE'VE BEEN OUTSIDE ALL THE TIME! WE HEARD YOUR CONFESSION, SO YOU'D BETTER SURRENDER!



WHA... NO... NO... NEVER! UGGHH!

FINE BY ME! I CAN'T GIVE A RAT LIKE YOU ENOUGH OF THIS!



NEIL, OLD BOY... I KNEW YOU WERE INNOCENT! WE HEARD THE WHOLE STORY AT THE D. A.'S OFFICE! I GUESS THE WHOLE BETS OFF! WE'LL BOTH BE TOO BUSY WITH COLLEGE TO THINK OF MARRIAGE!

MATT... YOU SON OF A GUN!

I GUESS THEY'RE BOTH TOO BUSY TO TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT, CRIMEBUSTER! HOW ABOUT YOU?

HUH? OH, ER... I HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE OFFICE AND MAKE OUT A REPORT! G..GOOD-BY... AND GOOD LUCK!



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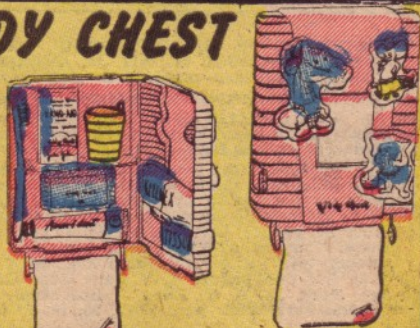
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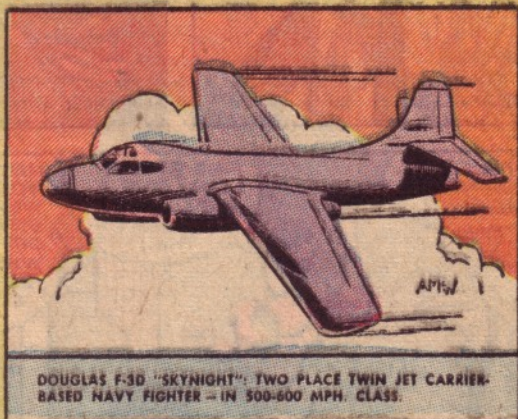
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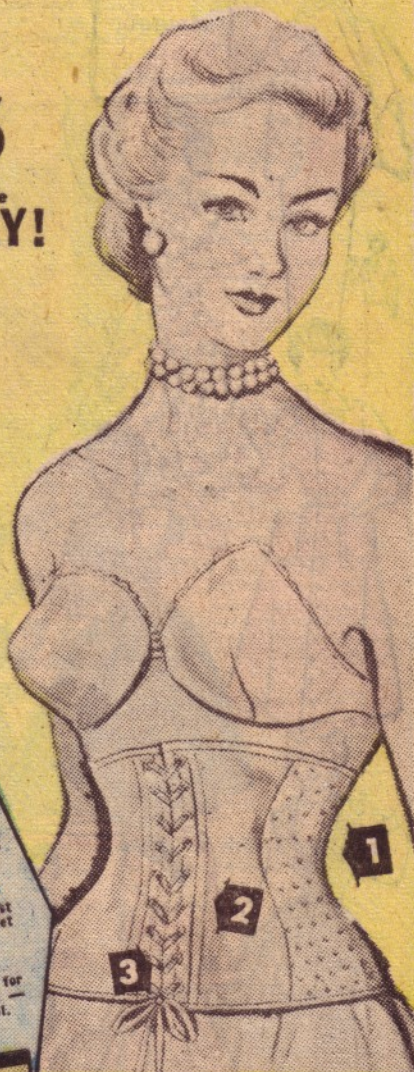
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